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(a) an oral dosage form comprising a PDE5 inhibitor having an IC_{50} for the inhibition of PDE5 less than 10 nM, and sufficient bioavailability to be effective in about 1 to about 10 mg unit oral dosages;

(b) a package insert providing that the PDE5 inhibitor is useful to treat sexual dysfunction in a patient in need thereof by utilizing a chronic dosing regimen for at least three days; and ?

(c) a container.

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5. (Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 1, 2, 3, or 4, wherein the PDE5 inhibitor further has

(i) at least a 100 fold differential in IC_{50} values for the inhibition of PDE5 versus PDE6, and

(ii) at least 1000 fold differential in IC_{50} values for the inhibition of PDE5 versus PDE1c.

6. (Amended) The article of claim 1, 2, 3, or 4 wherein the oral dosage form comprises about 1 mg, about 2 mg, about 5 mg, or about 10 mg, of the PDE5 inhibitor..

7. (Amended) The article of claim 1, 2, 3, or 4 wherein the chronic dosing regimen is a daily dosing regimen.

8. (Amended) The article of claim 1, 2, 3, or 4 wherein the chronic dosing regimen comprises administration of about 1 mg/day to about 10 mg/day of the PDE5 inhibitor.

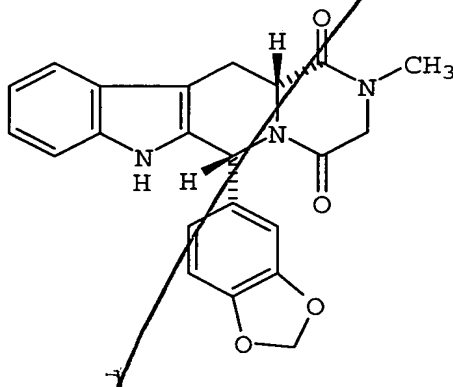
9. (Amended) The article of claim 1, 2, 3, or 4 wherein the package insert provides a maximum dosage of the PDE5 inhibitor of about 10 mg per day.

10. (Amended) The article of claim 1, 2, 3, or 4 wherein the PDE5 inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of

(6R,12aR)-2,3,6,7,12,12a-hexahydro-2-methyl-6-(3,4-methylenedioxyphenyl)pyrazino[2',1':6,1]pyrido[3,4-b]indole-1,4-dione;
(3S,6R,12aR)-2,3,6,7,12,12a-hexahydro-2,3-dimethyl-6-(3,4-methylenedioxyphenyl)pyrazino[2',1':6,1]pyrido[3,4-b]indole-1,4-dione;
5-(2-ethoxy-5-morpholinoacetylphenyl)-1-methyl-3-n-propyl-1,6-dihydro-7H-pyrazolo[4,3-d]pyrimidin-7-one;
5-(5-morpholinoacetyl-2-n-propoxyphenyl)-1-methyl-3-n-propyl-1,6-dihydro-7H-pyrazolo[4,3-d]pyrimidin-7-one;
5-[2-allyloxy-5-(4-methyl-1-piperazinylsulphonyl)phenyl]-1-methyl-3-n-propyl-1,6-dihydro-7H-pyrazolo[4,3-d]pyrimidin-7-one;
5-{2-ethoxy-5-[4-(2-propyl)-1-piperazinylsulphonyl]phenyl}-1-methyl-3-n-propyl-1,6-dihydro-7H-pyrazolo[4,3-d]pyrimidin-7-one;
5-{2-ethoxy-5-[4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazinylsulphonyl]phenyl}-1-methyl-3-n-propyl-1,6-dihydro-7H-pyrazolo[4,3-d]pyrimidin-7-one;
5-{5-[4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazinylsulphonyl]-2-n-propoxyphenyl}-1-methyl-3-n-propyl-1,6-dihydro-7H-pyrazolo[4,3-d]pyrimidin-7-one;
5-[2-ethoxy-5-(4-methyl-1-piperazinylcarbonyl)phenyl]-1-methyl-3-n-propyl-1,6-dihydro-7H-pyrazolo[4,3-d]pyrimidin-7-one; and

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13. (Amended) The article of claim 1, 2, 3, or 4, wherein the PDE5 inhibitor has the structure



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